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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec. I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN P BREWSTER, 0258370, Field Artillery, 740th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 5 April 1945, while on a reconnaissance mission near DRUSSIGACKER, GERMANY, Colonel BREWSTER and his party were ambushed by a numerically superior enemy force. Exhibiting heroic leadership he engaged the enemy in a fierce fire fight and was directing spirited resistance against the enemy forces when he was mortally wounded and carried to a nearby dugout by his companions. Despite his wounds he gallantly attempted to assist in the defense of their surrounded position until captured by overwhelming hostile forces. Colonel BREWSTER'S courageous actions and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES F SIMCOX, 33325634, Company A, 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. During action near PONT-A-KOUSSON, FRANCE, on 15 September 1944, Sergeant (then Private First Class) SIMCOX, advanced upon two enemy soldiers, killed one as he attempted to run and then turned his BAR upon the other one as he was mounting a machine gun and killed him with an accurate burst. He courageously continued his aggressive actions killing a third German soldier and then eliminated another group of four with fire from a captured machine gun. Later that evening while on patrol Sergeant SIMCOX fired into a seven man German patrol, killing several, but was seriously wounded himself. Sergeant SIMCOX'S indomitable fighting spirit and heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class ROBERT L IFLAND, 36695797, Headquarters Company, 16th Tank Battalion, 16th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in CZECHOSLOVAKIA. On 6 May 1945, near KOZOLUPY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Private IFLAND, armed only with a rifle, fearlessly advanced alone against an enemy pill box which dominated the route of his unit's advance. Halfway to his objective he was mortally wounded by direct, intense machine gun fire but gallantly and relentlessly continued to the crest of the embankment, forced the enemy to withdraw and skillfully directed an encircling movement by other members of his patrol which resulted in the capture of fifty enemy soldiers and eight vehicles. Private IFLAND'S dauntless heroism and unflinching, selfless devotion

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to duty reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class STEVENSON W MOOMAN, 34804074, Medical Detachment, 53d Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During a fierce enemy counterattack near GROSSENHEIM, GERMANY, on 25 March 1945, Private MOOMAN gallantly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire to administer aid to wounded comrades. Observing a wounded man lying in an open area covered by enemy sniper and machine gun fire he fearlessly went to his aid and was hit by enemy sniper fire. Disregarding his wound he heroically continued to render aid although he was mortally wounded by two more shots from the hidden enemy rifleman. Private MOOMAN'S superb courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces.

2. By Direction of the President and under the Provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Private First Class JAMES R CARROLL, 34706238, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During action near SERRIG, GERMANY, on 13 March 1945, Private CARROLL gallantly led an assault team through intense hostile fire, placed a demolition charge at the base of a German pill box and forced the twelve occupants to surrender. When he and a comrade were wounded by fire from a second enemy emplacement, he disregarded his own wounds, crawled to the other man and administered first aid. While dragging the wounded soldier to safety he was attacked by three enemy riflemen but with dauntless heroism he killed one and forced the other two to carry his injured comrade to a friendly aid station. Private CARROLL'S gallant intrepidity and selfless devotion to duty uphold the finest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - 1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES HALLEN, 27660429, Medical Detachment, 319th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 10 November 1944, during fierce action near DELME RIDGE, FRANCE, Technician Fifth Grade HALLEN courageously exposed himself to intense hostile machine gun fire in order to administer aid to his wounded comrades and direct their evacuation. Exhibiting tireless, unflinching devotion to his cause, and with utter disregard for his own safety he worked all night and successfully accomplished the evacuation of all the wounded. Technician Fifth Grade HALLEN'S heroic actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class JUAN R LOPEZ, 38143824, Company B, 319th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. During the period 9 - 11 February 1945, near WALLENDORF, GERMANY,

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Private LOPEZ courageously directed and assisted in the evacuation of wounded men over a route subjected to constant, intense enemy small arms and artillery fire. When a carrying party was pinned down by withering enemy machine gun fire, he fearlessly crawled behind the enemy position, killed one enemy machine gunner and forced the others to withdraw. Private LOPEZ'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

**III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL** - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade ERNEST J MORRONI, 33760416, Battery C, 770th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. When an M-5 tractor hauling a trailer loaded with high explosive ammunition became ignited near KOBSCHEID, GERMANY, on 2 March 1945, Technician Fourth Grade MORRONI fearlessly assisted in uncoupling the trailer and preventing serious damage to personnel and equipment. Although he realized the burning tractor was also loaded with explosives and that his own life was endangered, he worked with cool courage to protect the lives of his comrades and valuable government property. Technician Fourth Grade MORRONI'S heroic actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private JESSE J BAKER, 38447910, 1511th Engineer Water Supply Company, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 17 May 1945, near REGENSBURG, GERMANY, Private BAKER dove into the treacherous and swiftly moving Danube River in an attempt to save a drowning comrade. He dove repeatedly for the drowning man and battled the strong current until completely exhausted and forced to swim to shore to save himself. Private BAKER'S heroic, unselfish actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

**IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL** - 1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Corporal GEORGE R GARDNER, 35415444, Medical Detachment, 1303d Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG. On 22 January 1945, near DIEKIRCH, LUXEMBOURG, Corporal GARDNER fearlessly entered an enemy mine field and with utter disregard for his own safety assisted in evacuating three wounded comrades and administered first aid to them. Corporal GARDNER'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal JAMES H R BRAMMER, 35658766, 3220th Quartermaster Service Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 9 April 1945, near VOLKERSHEIN, GERMANY, when twelve comrades were ambushed and captured by a numerically superior enemy force, Corporal BRAMMER refused a chance to escape and courageously volunteered to remain behind and administer first aid to four of the captured party who were wounded. Exhibiting heroic resourcefulness he later helped them to escape and evacuated them to a friendly military

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hospital. Corporal BRAMMER'S unselfish actions and cool leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN B HARVEY, 39334722, Battery C, 558th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. On 19 December 1944, when notified that an important railway tunnel near BUDANGE, FRANCE, was in danger of being destroyed by an enemy demolition crew, Technician Fifth Grade HARVEY fearlessly proceeded to the scene. Exhibiting cool initiative he entered the tunnel and, with the assistance of a comrade, captured the enemy soldiers. His courageous action prevented the destruction of a vital transportation link and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Major JACK J CUMMINGS, 01176299, Field Artillery, Headquarters 416th Field Artillery Group, United States Army. 10 March 1945 to 17 March 1945 in GERMANY.

Captain WILLIAM J MURPHY, 01546269, Medical Administrative Corps, 581st Motor Ambulance Company, United States Army. 9 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Captain BENJAMIN BLECHMAN, 0528119, Medical Corps, Company A, 94th Medical Gas Treatment Battalion, United States Army. 19 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Captain WILLIAM B BUSCH, 0408681, Field Artillery, Battery A, 558th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 12 August 1944 to 1 March 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

First Lieutenant HARVEY W TAYLOR, 01634391, Signal Corps, 187th Signal Repair Company, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

First Lieutenant ROBERT V COUGHENOUR, 0480230, Ordnance Department, 271st Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. 14 June 1944 to 10 October 1944 in FRANCE.

First Lieutenant BYRLE V WATERS, N775791, Army Nurse Corps, 39th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 1 February 1945 in FRANCE.

First Lieutenant LEO R CONLEY, 01566110, Ordnance Department, 299th Ordnance Maintenance Company (AA), United States Army. 15 July 1944 to 7 May 1945 in BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, FRANCE and GERMANY.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM W WRIGHT, 01038328, Chemical Warfare Service, 192d Chemical Depot Company, United States Army. 20 September 1944 to 30 April 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

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First Lieutenant ALLIE L BUTLER, O557041, Air Corps, Detachment FLD2, Company D, 2d European Civil Affairs Regiment, United States Army. 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945 in GERMANY.

First Lieutenant ERMA L DAVIS, N775420, Army Nurse Corps, 39th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. 17 July 1944 to 28 February 1945 in FRANCE.

Chief Warrant Officer WINSTON B LARSON, W2106326, 277th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 10 September 1944 to 1 April 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

First Sergeant JAMES H TURNER, 35040578, Headquarters and Service Company, 183d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. 22 December 1944 to 31 March 1945 in BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

First Sergeant SAMUEL G HISSOFF, 20282262, 460th Medical Collecting Company, United States Army. 31 December 1944 to 30 April 1945 in LUXEMBOURG, FRANCE and GERMANY.

Master Sergeant DAROLD W GORDON, 37037434, Headquarters Detachment, 193d Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. 20 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Master Sergeant ALFRED B DONALS, 32720347, 579th Signal Depot Company, United States Army. 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant LAWRENCE J ISAACS, 17021195, 187th Signal Repair Company, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES R WILSON, 31064487, 187th Signal Repair Company, United States Army. 1 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant DANIEL B HOEY, 32300268, 631st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. 10 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant DAVID E MC AULIFF, 37479783, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Ordnance Group, United States Army. 26 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant THOMAS L WALSH, 32116841, Headquarters 179th Medical Battalion, United States Army. 18 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM, GERMANY and CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM H GEBHARDT, 33173154, 3447th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. 6 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant BERNARD R BLOOM, 32132222, 579th Signal Depot Company, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 30 April 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Staff Sergeant JACK P BILLINGS, 35552612, 104th Evacuation Hospital (SI), United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 1 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE,

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and GERMANY.

Staff Sergeant MARVIN G HAWKINS, 34083184, Battery B, 174th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 2 July 1944 to 10 April 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Technician Third Grade RAYMOND F SCHMIDT, 37145544, Headquarters Battery, 174th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 15 April 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Sergeant CHARLES E JENTSCH, 37167468, 579th Signal Depot Company, United States Army. 11 July 1944 to 30 April 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

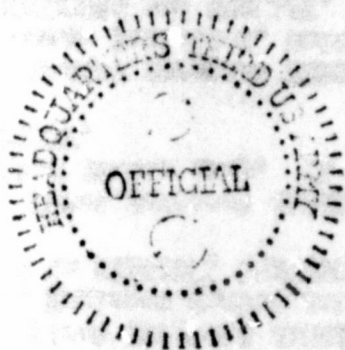
Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM L AMANN, 36574460, Company A, 301st Signal Operation Battalion, United States Army. 6 July 1944 to 14 September 1944 in FRANCE.

Technician Fourth Grade ORDIE G BLACKBURN, 35144713, Service Battery, 277th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 24 November 1944 to 7 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Private First Class JAMES M KNOX, 19102748, Headquarters Third United States Army. 23 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

V. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 5th Quartermaster Battalion (H), for the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and Medical Detachment thereof, for service from 5 November 1944 to 10 January 1945.

By command of Major General CRAIG:



HOBART R. GAY,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Chief of Staff.

R. E. CUMINGS,  
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Adjutant General.

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